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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Appln. No.: 10/670,243)	Group Art Unit: 2852
Filed: September 26, 2003)	Confirmation No.: 8592
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)	
HAVING DEVELOPING DEVICE)	
CHANGING ROTARY)	February 24, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The Chinese patent document was cited in an Official Letter/Search Report, dated January 6, 2006, in a foreign counterpart application. A copy each of the Search Report and the Chinese patent document are also enclosed.

FEE/STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in the subject application, neither a statement, petition, nor payment of a fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is

authorized to charge any fee which may be deemed necessary in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

REMARKS

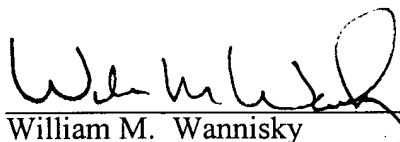
U.S. Patent No. 5,617,198 (Ishikawa, et al.) is identified in a Dialog database as being in the patent family of Chinese Patent Document No. 1115423.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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